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General Duties Branch
F/O. H. R. Coventry promoted to rank of Flight Lieutenant, June

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The following Flying Officers granted acting rank of Flight Lieutenant, May 20, 1938:—A. J. F. Churchill, N. M. Hall, Lt. Cdr. A. M. Rundle, R.N., re-attached to R.A.F. as Squadron Leader, with effect from August 2, 1938, and with seniority July 1, 1935. Lt. A. F. Hall, R.N., re-attached to R.A.F. as Flight Lieutenant with effect from July 25, 1938, and with seniority January 1, 1936. Cdr. H. A. Traill, R.N., Squadron Leader, R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty, August 2, 1938. Lt. W. P. Lucy, R.N., Flt. Lt., R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty, July 29, 1938. Lt. L. C. B. Ashburner, R.N., Flt. Lt., R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty, August 2, 1938. Flt. Lt. C. I. A. Jackson (Capt. R. Tank Corps), relinquishes temporary commission on return to Army duty, July 26, 1938.

Chaplains Branch

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Rev. V, S. Dodson granted short service commission with relative rank of Squadron Leader, July 26, 1938.

Princess Mary's R.A.F. Nursing Service

Sister Miss M. R. Lake resigns appointment, August 8, 1938.

Royal Air Force Reserve

Reserve of Air Force Officers General Duties Branch

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants, Class C, on dates stated:—H. A. S. Byrne, April 6, 1938; Maj. T. R. Wells, M.C. (I.A. ret.), April 21, 1938; Flt. Lt. J. F. Clark (R.A.F. ret.), May 2, 1938.

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502 (ULSTER) (B.) SQUADRON.—Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., M.V.O., appointed Hon, Air Commodore, August 9, 1938.
605 (COUNTY OF WARWICK) (B.) SQUADRON.—F/O. M. T. Avent

promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant, June 29, 1938. A. G. Dennison relinquishes commission on completion of service, June 29, 1938.

Auxiliary Air Force Reserve of Officers

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A. G. Dennison granted commission as Flight Lieutenant, Class A. June 29, 1938; Flt. Lt. J. J. Parkes transferred from Class A to Class C, July 13, 1938.

Royal Air Force Appointments

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Air Vice-Marshal.—A. W. Tedder, C.B., to D.G.R.D., Department of A.M.D.P., Air Ministry; on appointment as Director-General of Research and Development, 20.7.38.

Air Commodore.—R. M. Hill, M.C., A.F.C., to Directorate of Technical Development, Department of Air Member for Development and Production, Air Ministry; on appointment as Director of Technical Development, 1.8.38.

Group Captains.—F. W. Trott, O.B.E., M.C., to No. 1 Air Armament School, Manby; to command, 1.8.38; M. B. Frew, D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., to No. 23 (Training) Group, Grantham; for duty as Senior Air Staff Officer, 2.8.38; C. B. Dalison, A.F.C., to R.A.F. Station, Eastchurch; to command, 22.7.38.

Wing Commanders.—C. T. Walkington, to R.A.F. Station, Hornchurch; to command, 25.7.38; R. S. Sugden, A.F.C., to No. 1 School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Halton; for Administrative duties and to command No. 1 (Apprentices) Wing, 1.7.38; P. H. Cummings, to H.Q., Fighter Command, Stanmore; for Air Staff duties, 27.7.38; W. J. Daddo-Langlois, to R.A.F. Station, Waddington; to command, 27.7.38; H. N. Hampton, D.F.C., to Directorate of Postings, Department of Air Member Personnel, Air Ministry, 1.8.38; F. F. Garraway, O.B.E., to Directorate of Organisation, Department of A.M.S.O., Air Ministry, 6.7.38.

Squadron Leaders.—G. W. Birkinshaw, to D.D.W.O., Department of A.M.S.O., Air Ministry, 22.7.38; W. G. Abrams, to No. 209 (G.R.) Squadron, Felixstowe; for flying duties, 25.7.38; W. S. Hebden, to H.Q., Bomber Command, Uxbridge; for Signals duties, 21.7.38; T. W. Hodgson, to No. 1 Air Observers School, North Coates; for Signals duties, 25.7.38; K. C. McKenzie, M.B.E., to Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell; for Signals duties, 22.7.38; R. C. Field, to No. 144 (B.) Squadron, Hemswell; to command, 2.8.38; F. R. Drew, to H.Q., No. 5 (Bomber) Group, Grantham; for Air Staff duties, 2.8.38; J. J. Owen, to H.Q., No. 6 (Auxiliary) Group, London; for Navigation Staff duties, 2.8.38; D. J. Alvey, to Recruits, Squadron, Diffield; for A

Flight Lieutenants.—G. A. Bartlett, to H.Q., No. 2 (Bomber) Group, Wyton; for Air Staff duties, 2.8.38; M. B. Hamilton, to Central Flying School, Upavon, 2.8.38; R. R. Fairweather, to R.A.F. Station, Amman, Transjordan, 23.7.38; J. Thompson, to No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron, Odiham, 1.8.38; G. Thripp, to No. 16 (A.C.) Squadron, Old Sarum, 31.7.38; H. G. Leonard-Williams, to R.A.F. College, Cranwell, 21.7.38; R. C. Dawkins, to R.A.F. Station, Hornchurch, 25.7.38; J. C. Sisson, to R.A.F. Station, Lee-on-Solent, 8.6.38; B. Ball, to R.A.F. Station, Bircham Newton, 23.7.38; O. H. D. Blomfield, to R.A.F. Station, Usworth, 21.7.38; M. Dawnay, to R.A.F. Station, Waddington, 24.7.38; C. F. Pearce, to R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, 21.7.38; J. A. Robinson, to R.A.F. Station, Catterick, 24.7.38. Station, Catterick, 24.7.38.

Equipment Branch

Squadron Leader.—F. A. R. Smith, to No. 1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; for Equipment duties, 22.7.38; H. J. Young, M.B.E., to the Packing Depot, Sealand; for Equipment duties, 28.7.38.

Flight Lieutenant.—M. H. Robinson, to D. of E., Department of A.M.S.O., Air Ministry, 2.5.38.

Medical Branch

Wing Commanders.—J. D. Leahy, M.C., to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow; for duty as Medical Officer, 25.7.38; W. E. Hodgins, to H.Q., Coastal Command, Lee-on-the-Solent; for duty as Deputy Principal Medical Officer, 1.8.38.

Squadron Leader.—G. E. Church, to No. 2 School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Cosford; for duty as Medical Officer, 1.8.38.

Dental Branch

Flight Lieutenants.—W. V. A. Denney, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 28.7.38; R. H. Marthews, to No. 2 School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Cosford, 2.8.38; W. A. H. Smith, to Record Office, Ruislip, 26.7.38.

Owing to the greatly increased length of these lists as a result of R.A.F. expansion ranks are confined to those of Flight Lieutenant and above.



EVOLUTION: Developed from the Amiot 370, holder of several world's speed-with-load records, the Amiot 340 bomber has been ordered in large numbers for the French Air Force. The prototype 370 had liquid-cooled Hispano 127 engines giving a maximum speed of 305 m.p.h. at 16,400ft. The 340 bomber has more powerful two-row Gnome-Rhone radials. On the record machine the pilot looked forward through the transparent nose portion, the fuselage form being uninterrupted, but in the production bomber a projecting cockpit enclosure is fitted. The span is 75ft. 6in.